

Department of Social and Health Services

DP Code/Title: M1-93 Mandatory Caseload Adjustments

Program Level - 060 Economic Services Admin

Budget Period: 2003-05 Version: 11 2003-05 Agency Request Budget

Recommendation Summary Text:

This request reflects the changes associated with the Department of Social and Health Services' (DSHS) Office of Forecasting and Policy Analysis (OFPA) and the Caseload Forecast Council (CFC) caseload projections for the Economic Services Administration (ESA). The estimates for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Working Connections Child Care assume a 5 percent and 13 percent increase in caseload respectively. The dollars associated with each caseload have been adjusted to reflect the most recent forecast available.

Fiscal Detail:

Operating Expenditures

	<u>FY 1</u>	<u>FY 2</u>	<u>Total</u>
Program 060			
001-1 General Fund - Basic Account-State	1,238,000	2,883,000	4,121,000
001-A General Fund - Basic Account-DSHS Fam Support/Chi	1,102,000	2,741,000	3,843,000
001-D General Fund - Basic Account-TANF (DSHS)	63,176,000	63,176,000	126,352,000
Total Cost	65,516,000	68,800,000	134,316,000

Staffing

Package Description:

ESA provides work-related services, child support services, financial, food, and other assistance to eligible clients. The most recent forecast for ESA programs includes caseload and cost estimates for: Child Care, TANF, Child Support Recoveries, and Consolidated Emergency Assistance Program (CEAP).

Child Care - This program provides subsidized child care for children in families up to 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) regardless of their participation in a grant program. This request is a direct result of caseload increase resulting in the need for approximately \$49.7 million for Fiscal Year 2004 and \$49.7 million in Fiscal Year 2005.

TANF Assistance - This caseload trend has leveled off from significant decreases between Fiscal Years 1997 through 2002. Caseload growth for the 2003-05 Biennium is estimated to remain flat. The adjusted need is approximately \$13.5 million in Fiscal Year 2004 and \$13.5 million in Fiscal Year 2005.

Child Support Recoveries - The Division of Child Support (DCS) provides collection services to custodial parents regardless of their participation in a grant program. Collections for families on assistance are retained by the state and shared with the federal government to offset the costs of the TANF grant. Collections are estimated to decrease over the 2003-05 Biennium, which will require an additional \$2.2 million in Fiscal Year 2004 and 5.5 million in Fiscal Year 2005.

The CEAP dollar adjustments associated with these caseloads are estimated to be \$131,000 in Fiscal Year 2004 and \$131,000 in Fiscal Year 2005.

Narrative Justification and Impact Statement

How contributes to strategic plan:

Maintain a safety net for people in poverty by providing the highest quality public assistance and child support services.

Performance Measure Detail

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Goal: 02F Maintain safety net for people in need.

Incremental Changes

FY 1

FY 2

No measures submitted for package

Reason for change:

The adjustments for each caseload reflect forecasted changes in the number of cases for which grants must be provided. The changes associated with each caseload do not reflect any change in the type or level of service provided by ESA.

Impact on clients and services:

By ensuring that adequate funding is available for the changing caseloads, the department will be able to provide grants to those who meet current program requirements.

Impact on other state programs:

None

Relationship to capital budget:

None

Required changes to existing RCW, WAC, contract, or plan:

None

Alternatives explored by agency:

Not applicable

Budget impacts in future biennia:

Costs associated with the caseload in future biennia will be determined by future caseload projections.

Distinction between one-time and ongoing costs:

The forecasted caseloads will have ongoing costs in future biennia.

Effects of non-funding:

These caseloads are forecasted programs. If they are not funded, clients will be affected through eligibility restrictions or waiting lists.

Expenditure Calculations and Assumptions:

See attachment - ESA M1-93 Mandatory Caseload Adjustments.xls

Object Detail

FY 1

FY 2

Total

Program 060 Objects

N Grants, Benefits & Client Services

65,516,000

68,800,000

134,316,000

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DSHS Source Code Detail

Program 060		<u>FY 1</u>	<u>FY 2</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fund 001-1, General Fund - Basic Account-State				
<u>Sources</u>	<u>Title</u>			
0011	General Fund State	1,238,000	2,883,000	4,121,000
<i>Total for Fund 001-1</i>		1,238,000	2,883,000	4,121,000
Fund 001-A, General Fund - Basic Account-DSHS Fam Support/Chi				
<u>Sources</u>	<u>Title</u>			
563A	Title IV-D Child Support Enforcement (A) (FMAP)	1,102,000	2,741,000	3,843,000
<i>Total for Fund 001-A</i>		1,102,000	2,741,000	3,843,000
Fund 001-D, General Fund - Basic Account-TANF (DSHS)				
<u>Sources</u>	<u>Title</u>			
558B	Temp Assist for Needy Families (TANF) (100%)	63,176,000	63,176,000	126,352,000
<i>Total for Fund 001-D</i>		63,176,000	63,176,000	126,352,000
Total Program 060		65,516,000	68,800,000	134,316,000